

Alibi Refutes Confession of 'Riddell Slayer'

Man Tells Detailed Story of
Richmond Hill Killings:
Found To Be Unbalanced

Arraigned for Murder

Police Satisfied He Is Not
Guilty, but Detain Him
Temporarily at Jamaica

Patrick O'Donnell, porter, stepped out of his private work-a-day world of brooms, mops and scrub brushes yesterday and named himself as the slayer of Mary Elizabeth Riddell in Richmond Hill last Wednesday evening.

To the police of Yonkers he calmly told how, while wandering through the park-like streets of Richmond Hill, he picked up a brown piece of iron and secreted it beneath his coat. Then he told of meeting Miss Riddell in the gathering dusk, of a blow upon the head, her collapse and of his trip through a vacant lot, dragging the unconscious girl behind him.

Not a detail was lacking. He pictured the coat, hat and general appearance of his victim. He visualized "the wooded, pretty, park-like" streets of Richmond Hill in a manner that convinced the listening detectives that there could be no mistake.

"On Way to Chair," He Says

The porter wound a chain of incriminating evidence about himself that would have baffled the most adroit lawyer who might have attempted to exonerate him. To use his own words, "he was on the way to the electric chair."

Then the unexpected occurred. Attempts to verify some of the minor details of the porter's "confession" revealed an alibi that proved conclusively he could have had nothing to do with the Richmond Hill murder. Witnesses, time cards, payroll and other indisputable evidence showed that he was on duty in the plant of the Waterman Fountain Pen Company, 40 Fletcher Street, at the hour he insisted he had been wandering the streets of Richmond Hill.

Closer inspection of the facts proved O'Donnell to be a victim of auto-hypnosis, a mental condition found in less exaggerated form when any crime mystery is the subject of wide discussion. O'Donnell had read, talked and thought of the crime until his mind became foggy as to his own part in the situation.

Found Wandering in Road

O'Donnell first came under the scrutiny of the police Friday evening. He was walking aimlessly in Central Avenue, near Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, when he attracted the attention of Patrolman Michael Gilmarin. The policeman questioned the man, who muttered evasive replies and otherwise aroused his suspicion. Gilmarin, remembering that the Riddell murder was believed to have been committed by a man of low order of intelligence, a "moron" in the language of the alienists—decided to take his prisoner to the detective bureau.

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"I will if I can see you alone," said the prisoner. "If you'll tell those other policemen to go out of the room."

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The other police retired and, slowly, and as if trying to recall exact details of an exciting experience, parts of which had escaped him, O'Donnell made this confession:

"I am thirty years old and live at 63 Lexington Avenue with my wife and two children. On Tuesday night, January 14, 1919, I went to go to my father's house, 1006½ DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. Wednesday morning at about 11 o'clock, having spent the night previous walking about the streets, I got to my father's house at 12 noon. Wednesday, January 15, I left my father's house, walked around the streets a little while and then took a DeKalb Avenue car and obtained a transfer. I think I have it in my pocket still. No, I guess I have lost it. I got out of the car at the corner of DeKalb Avenue and was walking up a street that had a cement sidewalk and was wearing a large dark hat came walking along the same street towards me.

"I had found a piece of iron in one

of the streets and I had it under my coat as the girl approached me."

At this point he identified the iron bar with which the murder had been committed, shown him by Assistant District Attorney Hackett of Queens.

"When I came to her I took the iron from under my coat and hit her once on the head and she fell," he continued. Then I took her by the arms and pulled her into the park and hit her on the head again with the iron. I carried the iron into the park with me while I pulled the girl into the park."

O'Donnell said that after leaving the body he took a trolley car to Brooklyn and crossed the Williamsburg Bridge to Manhattan. He then took a Third Avenue car to Twenty-sixth Street, intending to go to his home. From that time until he was found in Yonkers he was not clear as to his actions.

After the appearance of the alibi that proved him to be an imaginative porter instead of a brutal murderer, O'Donnell was taken to Jamaica, more for the purpose of starting the legal machinery in motion to unravel the tangle in which he had involved himself than in an effort to hang the crime upon him. He was taken before Magistrate William F. Bleakley, where, in accordance with his confession, he was charged with murder.

Before the magistrate O'Donnell repeated his confession. He will be held until tomorrow, when it is probable that he will be released to return to his duties at the Waterman factory.

Part of the thousands of dollars' worth of property stolen in a recent series of burglaries on Riverside Drive was transmuted into money at Albany pawnshops and went to buy baskets of food and packages of clothing for the poor of the East Side. The other part, transformed into currency at New York pawnshops, financed gay parties in the white light zone of Broadway, a circumstance which, according to a man who said he was Mariano de Maio, seion of European royalty, brought disaster upon a wonderfully successful succession of ventures into the homes of affluent uptown residents while the latter were at matinees or about other social duties of afternoons.

Maio, who, the police say, has confessed, is credited with having also stated that he combined altruism and charity with his other activities, although when arrested at 156th Street and Riverside Drive early yesterday he was wearing a two and a half carat diamond ring and other costly adornments. He divided his time, he is said to have declared, between robbing and transmuting the East Side in a stolen limousine, carrying food and clothing to various poor families to whom he appeared as a millionaire exile prince and philanthropist.

On the other hand, Charles Engel, the "College Kid," who is now held under \$10,000 bail in connection with the same series of Riverside Drive robberies, was alleged, according to the police version of Maio's statement, to have passed most of his evenings riding about the "Riggs" in the limousine. And that led to his detector.

Engel was arrested several days ago, Maio, then living at 509 West 133d Street, which was also Engel's address, disappeared. Detective officers said to have ascertained that he shipped to Newark two trunks containing stolen articles valued at close to \$10,000. He was seen, however, Friday night as he stepped from the motor car, said to have been stolen from Samuel Bader, a broker, of 668 West 133d Street, in front of an apartment house on the river. He was followed, and when arraigned yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Frothingham he was held under \$5,000 bail for examination tomorrow.

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